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PRICE FIVE CENTS

\$72,000 STREET PAVING

ORIGINAL BID REFUSED; PRIVATE CONTRACT ENTERED INTO

COST REDUCED TO \$2.15

City Council Decides to Accept Warren Construction Co.'s Bid With Alterations, and the Same Was So Ordered—Cost at Minimum.

At a special meeting of the council last night the bid of the Warren Construction Co., for the paving of sixteen blocks of street with bitulithic hard surface pavement was accepted. On condition that the company be given until July 1910 to complete the work, the bid was reduced to \$2.15 per square yard; excavation to 60 per square yard; and curbing, sixteen inches deep, to 40 cents. Mayor Watters and Municipal Judge Denman were instructed to enter into a contract with the company, all members of the council, with the exception of Irvine, concurring. This contract will be in the nature of a private one, and Councilman Irvine objects to all such contracts.

Comparative Figures

This bid of the Warren people was accepted because the council was convinced that the quality of paving provided for can not be secured for less money. Mr. Abercrombie, representative of the Portland concern, was present and gave the following figures on the cost of paving in other cities of the state:

Ashland, \$2.52 and \$2.42.
Medford, \$2.50 and \$2.40.
Eugene, \$2.25 and \$2.20.
Albany, \$2.50, \$2.25 and \$2.18.
Salem, \$2.13 to \$2.17.
The Dalles, \$2.03.
Twin Falls, \$2.52.
Nampa, \$2.52.

He explained that the varying prices are due wholly to varying conditions in the cities. At The Dalles the company was given the use of rollers and rock crusher and laid a four-inch macadam base before pressure, while at other places a four-inch base after pressure was required. The distance rock must be hauled enters largely into the cost. The second contract comes cheaper because of the fact that the plant is installed ready for use. A bitulithic plant is an arrangement of considerable magnitude.

Chance for Local Men

As stated in a former issue, the Warren Construction Co., does not care to build sidewalk and curbing. The contract made last night was made with the understanding that the city can, if it chooses, have local men put in the walks and curbs. If the city can get a local bid of 40 cents and 45 cents, or less, for curbing and 12 cents for sidewalk, this work will not be left for the Warren people.

Talk About Cheap Paving.

The following letter received

from a Southern California engineer of high reputation was introduced, read and placed on file for investigation. The letter was written to Frank Groves and reads as follows:

"In reply to your inquiry of September 11th in regard to oiled macadam pavement, I would say that I have had no experience laying this class of pavement in a Northern climate. I do not recall the location of Corvallis, but I am familiar with the climate at Salem, and would say that if your conditions are similar to the conditions existing at Salem, an oiled macadam pavement would be successful and very desirable (unless on your heavily traveled business streets where teams may stand) provided you could secure the highest class of heavy asphaltic oil from Southern California, such as we are using here. There is a very great difference in oil for road paving, and unless you have the proper quality, it may not be a success. You should have oil containing not less than 75 per cent. asphalt or a carefully prepared residuum of Southern California oil, containing 80 per cent. asphalt and not more than 0.2 per cent. of organic matter, nor more than 2.5 per cent. of sulphur.

"Our oiled macadam is costing from 8 1/2 to 10 cents a square foot for pavement seven inches thick, with rock at about 70 cents a ton at the quarry, the cost depending largely on the amount of grading and distance from transportation. For very heavy grading, of course the cost would be still higher.

"Some asphalt-concrete pavement has been laid here for street paving, in a manner almost identical with the Warren Brothers method, as low as 15 cents per square foot for a pavement five inches thick, with very light street grading, during the financial depression. Warren Brothers have practically stopped the laying of this class of pavement, however, without paying royalty. I think they are asking about 1 1/2 cents a square foot on this class of work. I understand that a pavement very similar to what the Warren people have been laying in Portland can be laid here now for between 15 and 17 cents a square foot after satisfying the royalties. I presume the Warren people are asking very much higher prices when they do the work themselves strictly in accordance with their patents. The prices I have given you for paving and royalty in connection with the asphalt-concrete for Warren method are approximate only and given from memory.

I should recommend asphaltic concrete or the Warren method or some similar form of hard pavement for city streets under heavy travel.

Very truly yours,

A. E. LODGER.

Chief Engineer of Los Angeles County Highway Commission.

MARRY ME

MY MARY

And I will buy our wedding ring at Smith's the jeweler, 151 Madison street, who carries an up-to-date line of jewelry, watches, clocks, silverware, loving cups and cut glass. Watch, clock and jewelry repairing a specialty. Engraving free of charge to customers. All work guaranteed.

BIG RESERVOIR NOW FINISHED

FINE ADDITION TO WATERWORKS ABOUT READY FOR USE

WILL HOLD 500,000 GALLONS

Built on Elevation West of City Will Give Fine Pressure When Needed. Looks Large Enough to Furnish All Water Needed.

The new reservoir to be added to Corvallis' system of waterworks is finished and tomorrow will be officially turned over to the Water Commission. Overseer Schultz reports that the reservoir is superbly constructed, fully the equal of the best built elsewhere, and is confident that the officials can find no fault.

The new reservoir is 60x120 feet, 14 1/2 feet deep, with walls of reinforced concrete three feet thick, and will hold 550,000 gallons. It is built something like a barrel, tapering at both ends. The bottom surface of cement is six to eight inches thick, the entire inner surface of the reservoir being covered with two coatings of asphalt. Supervisor Schultz, employed by the city to superintend the work, expresses confidence that a good job has been done, and that there is no possibility of a leak. When asked as to the location, he said that it was entirely satisfactory and that no difficulty ever need be expected.

Mayor Watters, Councilmen Johnson and Robinson, and A. P. Johnson, Atty. Bryson, Water Commissioners Harris, Blackledge and Miller, and the writer, visited the site of the reservoir this morning. No one was able to find any particular fault with what they saw. All agreed that both reservoirs should be covered over with screens to prevent refuse from getting into the water. It is reported that children sometimes go there to play, and there is danger of fatal accident unless a fence is built about the reservoirs, or screens placed over them.

This additional reservoir gives Corvallis a total water reserve of 800,000 gallons. It is expected that this will meet any sort of emergency that may arise within the next few years. The reservoirs are things of real beauty, clean and ever filled with the freshest water. The reservoirs hold the surplus of water that comes down from the mountains and is unused in the city. The pressure is so great that the surplus is forced up the hill into the reservoir. This is kept fresh by reason of a continuous overflow from an outlet at the top of the reservoir. The Water Commission is proud of its most recent achievement, and though some may differ as to whether the right thing was done, it is certain that the public has reason to congratulate itself on the conditions that will be brought about by the addition of these reservoirs.

Owing to a few cases of diphtheria at Lakeview the schools have been closed and no public meetings are being held. Several deaths have resulted from the disease, which seems to be of a very virulent type.

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ELECTRIC IRON STARTS A FIRE

F. L. MILLER'S ESTABLISHMENT CANDIDATE FOR FLAMES

NIGHT WATCH TO THE RESCUE

Girls Left Electricity On and Iron Set Fire to Pressing Board—Seen by Citizens Who Thought Miller Was Doing Some Special Advertising.

An electric iron set fire to a pressing board in the rear of F. L. Miller's drygoods store last night and for a few minutes there was quite a hullabaloo about the place. Nightwatchman Williamson discovered the flames and turned in an alarm. Z. H. Davis and one of the Houts kicked in the front door, and in a few minutes the flames were smothered out.

The fire was the result of a little carelessness. The pressers were using the iron at 6 o'clock, closing up time, and intended to continue work later, there being a rush on. Mr. Miller persuaded the young ladies to quit and in the argument the iron was forgotten. All went home and the iron finally heated so much that it set fire to the covering of the pressing board about 7 o'clock. A. K. Russ, standing across the street, noted the blaze but thought it to be some electric advertising device. He called others' attention to it and

finally the nightwatch discovered it was a fire.

The only real damage done was to Mr. Miller's nervous system. He was telephoned that his store was on fire and he ran all the way from home. It took three doctors and a veterinarian to revive him. This morning he walks like he was "ham-strung."

COUNCIL REFUSES BUILDING PERMIT

Cooper & Newton reported to the council that they had let a contract on Sept. 18 for the erection of a corrugated extension to their Second street business block, and that on the 20th the Council took action against such buildings. They had gone to some trouble and expense and desired permission to erect the building. This was refused.

The ordinance committee was instructed to draft an ordinance making it mandatory for prospective builders to get permits before beginning work.

It was represented that Stephen Carver and H. M. Stone could not come to any agreement regarding the removal of an old prune dryer on the Carver right-of-way on First street south of Washington. The council concluded that this was not of its affair.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Davis desire to extend their sincere thanks to the many friends who so kindly rendered aid and comfort in the illness and death of their son.

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Special Silk Sale Saturday



For SATURDAY We have placed a large and most beautiful assortment of Messaline

both plain colors and striped. These silks are especially good for Fall and Winter Waists. At prices never before quoted so low.

19 inch messaline in brown, olive, blue, white and wisteria. Saturday Special, 69c

27 inch messaline, all colors, both plain and striped, a special good value for \$1.25, for Saturday Special, 88c

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We are R-I-G-H-T Here to Serve You R-I-G-H-T And This Is The R-I-G-H-T Place to Get Served R-I-G-H-T. Nothing Goes Our Of Our Store But What Is R-I-G-H-T. If It Does We Will Make It R-I-G-H-T

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Cleaner and Cleanser. Everything is made spank and clean with WYANDOTTE. It is a dry pure white Powder. It may be a new Washing Powder to you, but it has been thoroughly tested by the Pure Food Inspector and we guarantee every sack, and if you try it and it proves unsatisfactory, return the sack and we will refund your money. Wyandotte sells regular for 25c, Saturday Special.....15c

Men's \$4.50 high top Shoes, Saturday Special, \$2.75
Boys' \$3.50 high top Shoes, Saturday Special, \$2.00
\$1.25 Ladies' Outing Flannel Night Gowns, Saturday Special, 98c
75c Men's Coat Sweaters, 50c
Rubbers for Men, Women and Children, Saturday Special, 19c

New Suits and Coats Just Received in Our Ladies' Second Floor Suit Dept.